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Dear



Enclosed is a copy of a draft report I have written for the Congressional Research Service (CRS) on U.S. estimates of Soviet defense expenditures. When we met a few months ago, you kindly offered to take a look at the paper. I would appreciate any comments you or your staff may have on the report, especially of course regarding those sections dealing with the Central Intelligence Agency. The figures and tables are only provisional.

I have a specific request of CIA for information that would help make the report more useful. Would it be possible to get data points for the attached figures so that CRS can construct figures comparing CIA estimates with those of other analysts?

I would appreciate any help you can give me on the report. There is a rather large demand from congressional staffers for a primer on the subject, as you can imagine. Our division has a request to release the report as soon as possible. As a result, would it be hurrying your staff too much to finish their review by May 1? Would it also be possible to meet with the reviewers in person when they are finished to discuss their comments?

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 287-7612.

Sincerely,

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